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SUBJECT: TARIFF COMMISSION REQUEST FOR DATA ON HONG KONG
EXPORTS OF MEN'S MADE-TO-MEASURE APPAREL.

1. THE U.S. TARIFF COMMISSION IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 301(A)(2) OF THE TRADE EXPANSION ACT OF 1962, TO DETERMINE WHETHER, AS A RESULT IN MAJOR PART OF TRADE AGREEMENT CONCESSIONS, ARTICLES LIKE OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE WITH MEN'S GARMENTS PRODUCED BY THE GLOBE CORPORATION, CINCINNATI, OHIO, ARE BEING IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH INCREASED QUANTITIES AS TO CAUSE OR THREATEN SERIOUS INJURY TO SUCH FIRM AND/OR UNEMPLOYMENT OR UNDEREMPLOYMENT OF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THE FIRM'S WORKERS. FOR THIS INVESTIGATION, THE CONSULATE GENERAL IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW, IF THE POST IS ABLE TO OBTAIN IT.

(A) ANNUAL HONG KONG EXPORTS TO THE U.S. OF MEN'S MADE-TO-MEASURE SUITS, SPORT COATS, AND SEPARATE TROUSERS. GIVE QUANTITY AND VALUE DATA FOR THE PERIOD 1968 TO THE PRESENT. (MADE-TO-MEASURE GARMENTS ARE NOT SEPARATELY REPORTED FROM OTHER READY-MADE GARMENTS IN OFFICIAL U.S. IMPORT STATISTICS.)

(B) A BREAKDOWN OF REPRESENTATIVE PRODUCTION COSTS
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(IN TERMS OF PERCENT OF TOTAL COSTS) INTO (A) MATERIALS

COSTS, (B) LABOR COST (DIRECT AND INDIRECT), AND (C) OTHER

MANUFACTURING COSTS. DATA SHOULD BE SHOWN SEPARATELY FOR SUITS, SPORT COATS, AND SEPARATE TROUSERS, WITH EACH OF THESE SUBDIVIDED INTO GARMENTS IN CHIEF VALUE OF WOOL AND GARMENTS IN CHIEF VALUE OF MANMADE FIBER. (FYI--IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THESE COST DATA MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL. NEVERTHELESS, ANY INFORMATION THAT CAN BE OBTAINED ON THE MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.)END FYI.

(C) FACTORS OTHER THAN COMPARATIVE COSTS, SUCH AS FASHION CHANGES, BEARING ON THE ABILITY OF MADE-TO-MEASURE GARMENT PRODUCERS TO EXPORT TO THE U.S.

(D) TOTAL NUMBER AND SIZE OF FIRMS PRODUCING MEN'S MADE-TO-MEASURE CLOTHING AND THE NUMBER EXPORTING TO THE U.S.

2. THE STATUTORY DEADLINE FOR THE COMMISSION'S REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT IS JANUARY 26, 1972. THE REQUESTED INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE BUT NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 11, 1974. ANY INFORMATION OF A BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL NATURE WHICH THE CONSULATE GENERAL REPORTS SHOULD BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS SUCH. RUSH

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